

Douglas County Commissioner Meeting Minutes
July 6, 2023

PURSUANT TO ADJOURNMENT The Board of County Commissioners met at the Douglas County Courthouse in Armour, SD at 9:00 a.m. on Thursday, July 6, 2023. Members present were Dan Koedam, Marlin Maas, Lori Sparks, Jerod Star and Nathan E. Ymker. Auditor Phyllis Barker was also present. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. A motion was made by Maas and seconded by Star to adopt the amended agenda. All members voted in favor of this action; motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Gary Laib, county resident, met with the Board during the public comment portion of the meeting. Laib would like the county to declare a disaster due to drought to allow producers to qualify for federal programs. Laib would like to see the county road ditches mowed before the 1st of July. Laib also inquired about getting more gravel on county roads and would like to know if the county can get gravel from other locations that do not contain as much sand. No action was taken.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

Pat Harrington, Emergency Manager, met with the Board to provide an update on his department. Harrington briefed the Board on a meeting he was invited to with Todd Plooster of Dakota Trails Golf Course, and John Brosz of Brosz Engineering, regarding the spillway at Corsica Lake. Harrington also informed the Board that the South Dakota Public Safety Communications Council is requiring updates for all digital radio systems. This update will begin in July on all county owned radios. Harrington is also working on a High Hazard Inundation Mapping Project. No action was taken at this time.

PARK

Auditor Barker spoke with the National Guard in regards to replacing the old bathhouse at the west end of the campground, as well as the stairs going up the spillway. Details on the project were discussed by the Board. Barker will relay the details back to the National Guard and expects the project to start as soon as possible. No action was taken at this time.

BROSZ ENGINEERING

Eric Prunty and Jamie VanZee, Brosz Engineering, met with the Board. Prunty informed the Board that they had looked at the spillway last week and it is their opinion that a repair would not be sufficient, and that the county should continue to pursue a total replacement. The County asked that Brosz be more aggressive in assisting the county in finding funding for the replacement. If funding cannot be secured, then the Board expects Brosz to assist in engineering the repair plans. Prunty agreed to work on funding options and report back at the next Commissioner meeting.

DISTRICT FOUR COMMISSIONER

Jim Werkmeister and Jessica Goehring met with the Board to show interest in the District Four Commissioner position. Judene Irvine was present via telephone. Chairperson Sparks asked each candidate to explain why they are interested in the position. Discussion was held. At 10:25 a.m., Star made a motion to enter executive session to discuss personnel with Barker present. Koedam seconded the motion. All members voted in favor of this action; motion carried. At 10:40 a.m., Chairperson Sparks declared the meeting back to open session. Koedam nominated Jim Werkmeister. Star seconded the Nomination. Star nominated Jessica Goehring. Ymker seconded the Nomination. Ymker Nominated Judene Irvine. Maas seconded the nomination. A roll call vote was taken with the following votes recorded: Star: Goehring; Koedam:

Werkmeister; Ymker: Irvine; Maas: Werkmeister; Sparks: Werkmeister.

Jim Werkmeister was declared the new Commissioner for District Four. Werkmeister will fill the remainder of the current term effective July 7, 2023. The position will be up for election in 2024, for a four-year term beginning in 2025.

DIRECTOR OF EQUALIZATION

Jessica Goehring, Director of Equalization, met with the Board to discuss her department.

A motion was made by Ymker and seconded by Koedam to enter executive session at 10:52 a.m. to discuss a personnel matter with Barker, Goehring and Werkmeister present. All members voted in favor of this action; motion carried. Goehring exited the session at 11:10 a.m. Chairperson Sparks declared the meeting back to open session at 11:24 a.m. with no action taken.

4-H EXTENSION

Kim Klein, 4-H Extension Director, met with the Board briefly to discuss her department. Klein presented information from other 'Option Z' Counties with SDSU for Extension services regarding the position and benefits offered. Discussion was held with no action taken at this time.

RECESS

Chairperson Sparks declared a recess for lunch at noon. Werkmeister exited the meeting. The meeting resumed at 12:52 p.m.

AUDITORS OFFICE

Phyllis Barker, Auditor, met with the Board to provide an update. Ymker made a motion to enter executive session with Barker present at 12:54 p.m. to discuss a personnel matter. Maas seconded the motion. All members voted in favor of this action; motion carried. Chairperson Sparks declared the meeting back to open session at 1:15 p.m. with the following action taken:

A motion was made by Ymker and seconded by Maas to accept the resignation of Crystal Bruinsma as Deputy Auditor effective July 13, 2023. All members voted in favor of this action; motion carried. Barker presented an approach permit on behalf of the Highway Dept. A motion was made by Star and seconded by Koedam approving the approach permit submitted by Eric Larson to widen an existing approach located in the NW4 of NE4 of Section 33, Independence Township. All approach work will be at the expense of the landowner. All members voted in favor of this action; motion carried.

A list of surplus items from the Sheriff's Department was presented to the Board. A motion was made by Maas and seconded by Ymker to approve the surplus of various items from the Sheriff's Department to be destroyed or sold. A complete listing can be found on file in the Auditor's Office. All members voted in favor of this action; motion carried.

CLAIMS

The following claims were approved for payment:

GENERAL FUND

June payroll: Commissioners 4476.31 Auditor 9541.46 Treasurer 10,147.95 States Attorney 6172.71 Courthouse Janitor 5772.31 Equalization 7558.69 Register of Deeds 6740.74 Veterans Service Officer 1028.45 Sheriff 19718.79 Coroner 0.00 Ambulance 6884.38 Welfare 155.49 Extension 3923.01 Weed & Pest 2038.21 Fair board 310.96 Drainage 362.81 Planning and Zoning 452.39 Park 1193.32 Reliance Standard Life Insurance 558.87 605 Building Supply 11.43 supplies; Agland Coop 609.24 fuel; Armour chronicle 619.41 publishing;

Armour Rubble Site 200.00 maint; Armour City 289.00 utilities; Buhl's Dry Cleaners 153.50 maint; Bures-Kronaizl Insurance Inc. 2430.00 insurance; C&R Supply 7462.09 repairs; Cardmember Services 481.14 supplies/ prof fees; Cole Papers Inc. 5004.42 supplies; Corsica Globe 619.41 publishing; Corsica Hardware 13.21 supplies; Darrington Water 45.15 supplies; Mitch DeLange 345.11 maint. Reimbursement; Douglas Electric Coop 334.60 utilities; AT&T Mobility 426.75 utilities; Goldenwest 779.74 utilities; H&H Electric 65.00 supplies; Krull's Market 24.40 supplies; McLeod's Office Supply 71.98 supplies; Nextraq 118.65 utilities; Northwestern Energy 1460.09 utilities; Office Products Center 129.56 supplies; Randall Community Water Dist. 114.80 utilities; South Dakota Veterans 100.00 conference; SPN & Associates 3380.12 prof fees; Thompson Reuters West 665.22 law books; Van Brothers Inc. 110.00 utilities; U.S Bank Voyager 1282.03 utilities; Wilson's True Value 77.98 supplies.

ROAD AND BRIDGE FUND

June Payroll: 26,309.60; Agland Coop 9341.10 fuel; Armour City 62.00 utilities; Avera Occupational 104.00 prof fees; Corsica Hardware 13.21 supplies; Douglas Electric 53.32 utilities; AT&T Mobility 80.08 utilities; Goldenwest 203.70 utilities; Nextraq 101.70 utilities; Office Products Center 11.86 supplies; U.S Bank Voyager 501.82 fuel; Wilson's True Value 143.92 supplies.

E911 FUND

June Payroll: 26.72; Goldenwest 200.00 E911 System; Midstate Communications 440.11 E911 System.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT FUND

June Payroll: 2074.56.

HIGHWAY RURAL ACCESS FUND

True North Steel 18,624.00 supplies.

LAW LIBRARY FUND

221.73 law books.

ADJOURNMENT

At 1:42 p.m. Star motioned to adjourn until 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday, July 18, 2023. Koedam seconded. All members voted in favor of this action; motion carried.

SIGNED: _____
Lori Sparks, Chairperson
Board of County Commissioners

ATTEST: _____
Phyllis Barker Auditor